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SUBJECT: OASGA NO. THREE - BRITISH OBSERVERSHIP

1. AT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING QUESTION OF PLACING  
BRITISH PERMANENT OBSERVERSHIP ON OAS AGENDA FAILED  
TO ACHIEVE NECESSARY TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY.

2. PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN ( FONMIN MOE OF BARBADOS) SOUGHT  
TO SLIDE BRITISH OBSERVERSHIP ISSUE ON TO AGENDA VIA  
SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS PROCEDURAL MANEUVER. MOE, WHO WAS LESS  
THAN ADROIT, WAS STYMIED BY PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS OF  
GUATEMALA, ARGENTINA AND VENEZUELA ( WHO OPPOSE  
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BRITISH OBSERVERSHIP) AND BY PANAMA, OBVIOUSLY SEEKING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH OPPONENTS OF BRITISH OBSERVERSHIP. MOE WAS FINALLY OBLIGED TO SUBMIT QUESTION OF INSCRIPTION TO TWO- THIRDS VOTE. CENTRAL AMERICANS, EXCEPT COSTA RICA, ABSTAINED ALONG WITH PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA AND PERU AND CHILE UNEXPECTEDLY DEFECTED FROM RANKS OF BRITISH SUPPORTERS AND ALSO ABSTAINED. VOTE WAS TWELVE IN FAVOR, THREE AGAINST AND EIGHT ABSTENTIONS.

3. AS A MAJOR NON- HEMISPHERIC CONTRIBUTOR TO OAS PROGRAMS, BRITISH WERE UNDERSTANDABLY MIFFED AND HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL NOT SEND ANYONE TO WATCH FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE SESSION. BLACK CARIBBEAN NATIONS WERE ALSO DISTURBED BY OUTCOME.

4. U. S. SPOKE IN FAVOR OF BRITISH OBSERVERSHIP AND VOTED FOR INSCRIPTION. ROGERS

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